



Society of Mayflower Descendants
in the state of
Ohio

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A message from our Governor

Greetings Cousins!

Behind the Scenes at SMDOH: The Board met digitally on Saturday May 8 and had a productive meeting. Please make special note that the 2021 State Assembly will be held in Columbus on October 1 and 2 (most of the events happening on Saturday the 2nd; we always include the Friday night before for those who want to come in the night before and this year there will be a special dessert reception at 6:30 PM hosted by the Columbus Colony!).



SAVE THE DATE: October 1, 2, 2020: Watch for your Invitation to the State Assembly / 400th Anniversary of the 1st Thanksgiving which we will celebrate this fall in Columbus, Ohio. Prior newsletters and articles in this newsletter provide more information about this very special event. Much thanks to event Chairs **Beth Anderson** (Cincinnati) and **Columbus Lt. Gov. Hilda Pappas** as well as to each of the Colonies for their key supportive roles in this event. They have kept me up to date as to the events and there is so much to be excited about. *But mostly I am excited about seeing our members, in person!!!!*

YOUR VOTE COUNTS! ByLaws- Mail In Voting: Along with the invitation to the 400th Anniversary of the 1st Thanksgiving, you will receive a ballot and return envelope for voting on a few important recommendations for changes to our ByLaws. The Ohio Society Board is asking your approval on the changes which include being able to hold digital meetings/ voting; closing out the Life 2 membership category to new members (to be consistent with recommendations from the General Society); and to establish that junior members wishing to apply for regular Mayflower membership will no longer have their application fees paid for by the Ohio Society but would be required to pay the same fee as other applicants. These recommended changes are consistent with the General Society policies and recommendations and have been reviewed by Ohio Society Counselor **Margo Broehl** and the other Rules Committee members **Ann Gulbransen** and **Jill Parker** (see page 7).

ACTIVITIES WITH GENERAL SOCIETY: The Ohio Mayflower Societies, our five Colonies and our individual members continue to support the General Society, Mayflower II and The

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

In May 2021, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants welcomed member number 100,000! I had hoped the 100,000th member would be an Ohio applicant, but that did not happen. Congratulations to that member, the historian who prepared the application and all the staff at the General Society who made it happen.

I have gotten a notice that the 2020 OGS conference will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason OH April 27-30, 2022. I would like to see Ohio Mayflower have a table again in the vendor hall after an absence of two years. If you are interested in coordinating the display and/or taking a shift at the table, please contact me for details.



I have just prepared another box of Mayflower applications to transport to the Ohio Genealogical Society Library in Belleville. If your initial application was approved between March and October 2018, your file is in the box. If you asked to have the documents on the living shredded or the details redacted, that has been done. If you asked to have your documents returned, they are in a stack on my desk and will be mailed back to you over the next few weeks. If you did not answer the question on your preliminary contact form, the details have been redacted. All the files at the library are available to patrons who make a

request to the volunteers to pull them from the secure storage. They have an index of all the files in their possession so if you have a family member whose application you would like to see, you can do so.

The staff at the General Society are working hard to streamline the application process. They have given us two shortened application forms and the option to cite reference applications by number instead of full citations if that paper was approved after 1/1/2016. They are currently working on a plan to allow for electronic submission of documents which would save lots of paper and postage. I have volunteered to be part of the trial group once they have developed the plan further. I scan every document now—the scanning would just move to the early part of my process instead of the end. I will report on the process in future newsletters.

In the meantime, Historians from all member societies are meeting monthly via Zoom with the Historian General, some of the verifiers and other GSMD staff. There is a training topic for every meeting and they have been very useful. Even though I have been doing this job since 2007, there are always new things to learn. I hope the meetings will be a permanent feature.

Ann Gulbransen, Historian, Western Reserve Colony

Book Review

On the shore of a small cove, just north of Wickford, Rhode Island, rests Smith's Castle, the great house that sits on the site of the first trading post on Narragansett Bay. The current house was built by Richard Smith Jr. in 1678, after the previous trading post was burned to the ground by the Narragansett in 1676. Nearly forty years earlier, the Narragansett had granted land for the trading post at Coscumcussoc to Roger Williams. The grounds of Smith's Castle contain the remains of English casualties of the Great Swamp Fight.

"The Women of Cocumscussoc" by Robert A. Geake et al, is about some of the women who lived at or in the vicinity of Smith's Castle, Roger William's trading post. This unique history begins with a chapter on Quaiapen, widow of Mixanno of the Narragansett. It ends with a chapter on Aunt Hat, Harriet Spink Smith (1834-1924).

Some of "The Women of Cocumscussoc" were matriarchs of Smith Castle, supervising numerous servants on the plantation. Others expanded their activities to healing, cheese making, and the printing press. Of particular interest is how political and economic circumstances changed the lives and opportunities of these women. The book contains several photos of Smith's Castle.

Review by Sandra Carlin St. Martin, descendant of Richard Smith, Sr.

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

New members December 1 2020 through May 31, 2021

Cincinnati

Virginia Neave	10th from George Soule
David Papoi	11th from John Howland
Nancy Storch	10th from Isaac Allerton
Lynne Yash	11th from William Bradford

Cleveland

Susan Austin	12th from William Brewster
Brianna Boehnlein	13th from John Alden
Thomas Bond	10th from George Soule
Paul Forsyth	12th from William Brewster
Marsha Hallin	14th from William Brewster
Jenna Hamilton	12th from Edward Doty
Shawn Hamilton	12th from Edward Doty
Gayle Ludwig	12th from Edward Fuller
Kenneth Wise	13th from Richard Warren

Columbus

Ruth Banner	11th from Richard Warren
Mary Clark	13th from John Howland
Emily Hagmeier	13th from John Alden
Steven Lewis	12th from William Bradford
Chelsea Mondesir	12th from Edward Doty
Susan Norman	12th from William White
Carly Smith	13th from John Alden
Polly Thomas	10th from John Alden
Elizabeth Webster	11th from Edward Doty

Toledo

Ronald Fournier	11th from John Alden
Charles Ruggles	11th from William Brewster
David Smith	14th from James Chilton
Cassandra Traunero	11th from Myles Standish

Western Reserve

Lori Caldwell	12th from Constance Hopkins
Matthew Hilty	13th from Edward Doty
Laura Riddle	13th from William Brewster
R. Chris Scranton	13th from William Brewster
Judith Shaw	11th from George Soule

Dual Membership

Cincinnati

James Austrow (dual with MI)	11th from Thomas Rogers
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Western Reserve

Carl Swanson (dual with TX)	13th from John Howland
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Welcome

New Junior Members October 1 2020 through May 31, 2021

Cincinnati

Sponsored by Grandfather James Williams

Aster Williams	James Chilton
Beatrice Williams	James Chilton
Lorelei Williams	James Chilton

Sponsored by Great Aunt Beth Anderson

Rori Larson	William Brewster
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Cleveland

Sponsored by Grandmother Susan Chamberlain

John Domareki	William Brewster
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Columbus

Sponsored by Grandmother Dr. Patti Albaugh

Madelyn Baker	Francis Cooke
Zoe Baker	Francis Cooke

Sponsored by Mother Matilda Davis-Northrup

Mary Davis-Northrup	Edward Doty
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Toledo

Sponsored by Grandmother Carol Tomasic

Ian Freiburger	Richard Warren
Isebella Anguiano	Richard Warren
Kaitlin Freiburger	Richard Warren

Supplementals Approved December 1 2020 through May 31, 2021

Cincinnati

Beth Anderson	11th from Giles Hopkins
Beth Anderson	13th from Beth Brewster
Beth Anderson	11th from Joseph Rogers
Beth Anderson	11th from Constance Hopkins
Mary Davis	9th from John Howland
Mary Davis	11th from Francis Cooke
Mary Davis	11th from Stephen Hopkins
Mary Davis	10th from John Tilley
Mary Davis	9th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland
Mary Davis	10th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Diane Griffith	13th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Diane Griffith	12th from Elizabeth Tilley
Diane Griffith	12th from John Howland
Stephanie Smith	12th from Mary Allerton
Stephanie Smith	13th from Isaac Allerton
Stephanie Smith	12th from John Alden
Stephanie Smith	14th from Richard Warren
Stephanie Smith	13th from Mary (Norris) Allerton
James Williams	11th from Francis Cooke

Cleveland

Mary Chase	14th from William Mullins
Mary Chase	13th from William Brewster
Mary Chase	13th from Mary Brewster
Mary Chase	14th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland
Mary Chase	14th from John Howland
Mary Chase	15th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Mary Chase	15th from John Tilley
Joe Stamm	13th from Richard Warren
Joe Stamm	12th from Francis Eaton
Joe Stamm	12th from Samuel Fuller
Joe Stamm	12th from Isaac Allerton
Joe Stamm	13th from John Billington

Columbus

Matilda Davis-Northrup	12th from Francis Cooke
Matilda Davis-Northrup	11th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Matilda Davis-Northrup	11th from John Tilley
Matilda Davis-Northrup	10th from Elizabeth Tilley
Matilda Davis-Northrup	12th from Stephen Hopkins
Matilda Davis-Northrup	10th from John Howland
Barbara Farrar-May	13th from William Brewster
Barbara Farrar-May	12th from George Soule
Barbara Farrar-May	11th from Myles Standish
Barbara Farrar-May	11th from John Alden
Richard Kaufman	13th from Elizabeth Tilley
Richard Kaufman	12th from John Tilley
Richard Kaufman	12th from Edward Fuller
Richard Kaufman	12th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Morgan Wiles	14th from Peter Brown

Toledo

Deborah Joslin	11th from Priscilla Mullins Alden
Deborah Joslin	11th from John Alden
Deborah Joslin	12th from William Mullins
David Smith	14th from Mrs James Chilton
David Smith	15th from Mary Chilton
Phyllis Zibbel	13th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley
Phyllis Zibbel	12th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland
Phyllis Zibbel	13th from John Tilley
Phyllis Zibbel	12th from John Howland

Western Reserve

Steven King	11th from Mary Chilton
Eric McDaniel	12th from George Soule
Chris Scranton	12th from Stephen Hopkins
Chris Scranton	11th from Constance Hopkins
Chris Scranton	11th from Giles Hopkins



JN MEMORIAM



THE OHIO SOCIETY EXTENDS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF EACH OF OUR PILGRIM COUSINS WHO HAVE LEFT US IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS

Cincinnati

James Halls, descendant of Edward Fuller, born 3/3/1920, died 3/5/2021, elected 3/10/1990
Priscilla Haffner, descendant of Joan (Hurst) Tilley, born 3/22/1929, died 2/14/2021, elected 6/6/2009

Cleveland

Sarah Clifford, descendant of Isaac Allerton, born 1/16/1933, died 12/20/2020, elected 5/15/1971
Richard Bauschard, descendant of John Billington, born 7/11/1944, died 3/21/2021, elected 4/14/2009

Toledo

Jacqueline Sautter, descendant of Richard Warren, born 10/14/1930, died 3/8/2021, elected 1/10/1987

BEHIND THE SCENES

OUR CAPTAINS

This is the second in a series of “Behind the Scenes” articles about those who have volunteered for a particular role or position within our state or Colony organization. In some cases these are elected positions while in others they are appointed. Either way, they represent individuals who have volunteered to help lead our organization. These positions were originally held by those who first settled Plymouth and the Mayflower Society has honored those titles by embracing them in today’s organizations as well. This month we will take a look at our CAPTAINS.

When we talk about the Captain we are not talking about the Captain of the ship but rather the Captain of the Colony. In 1620 the Captain was a man possessing military experience and who could do what was necessary to enable the Pilgrim Colony to protect itself. Today’s Captains play a variety of roles which differ somewhat from the first “Captain”, Myles Standish.

Mayflower/Plymouth History: It seems that **William Bradford** was the individual who hired **Myles Standish to be the Captain** of the Colony, to coordinate the defense of the colony against the French, Spanish and Dutch, as well as against any Native actions. While not a member of the church of the Pilgrims he had great empathy for their cause.

An interesting coincidence: the **Ohio Society’s Captain is Thomas Bradford**, yes, a descendant of William Bradford who hired the first Captain, Myles Standish.

TODAY: Our SMDOH Bylaws (Section 9) state: (A) General Duties: the Captain shall carry out all orders of the Governor or of the SMDOH and shall act as Marshall at parades and on occasion of ceremony. (B) Property: The Captain shall be the keeper of the flags and shall see that they are properly displayed when required. The Captain shall also be in charge of all other property not assigned to the custody of any other officer. Cleveland and Columbus Colonies elect their Captains; Cincinnati, Toledo and Western Reserve do not have Captains but would welcome volunteers to be appointed Captain.

Key Traits and Responsibilities: The Captain of today plays a different but vital role in our state and colonies. The Captain of today is still a protector, defender, and advisor. Ohio’s Captain Tom Bradford maintains an inventory of all SMDOH property as well as where that property is “housed”, i.e., who has it. The Captain updates these lists as “keepers of the property” change or as new property is acquired. Our Captain also leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance at each meeting. Captains also act as Marshall at parades and on occasions of ceremony such as when our Governor General visits.

In addition to SMDOH **Captain Tom Bradford**, our Captains include **Captain Jerry Bruce, Cleveland** and **Captain Gary Barstow, Columbus**. *I hope in the next newsletter we will publish the names of individuals who have volunteered to be Captain for Cincinnati, Toledo and Western Reserve.* We appreciate and thank each of these individuals for their service to our organization.

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Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony

2021 Bylaws Changes

The link to the full text of the original and changed Bylaws is on www.ohiomayflower.org on the Events page. Please read the full text to determine your vote. These changes have been submitted by the Rules Committee and approved by the Ohio Board of Assistants. You will receive your ballot with your invitation to the state assembly.

Change	Rationale
Text change in several places to allow electronic voting	Your BOA has been able to vote electronically for years. When we need to hold elections for SMDOH officers or Bylaws changes, the printing and postage is expensive. Electronic voting will be a cost savings for SMDOH and allow much faster elections and ballot approvals, particularly when in-person meetings cannot happen.
Requirement that all SMDOH colonies use the SMDOH tax ID number	Data on all Ohio Colonies is now combined into a single annual tax return as all colonies are part of our parent organization. Therefore, separate tax ID numbers are not required or desired. SMDOH continues as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.
Closure of the new life membership program effective 10/31/2021 (end of membership year).	Since this program was implemented, only 5 members have joined. They will remain life members and SMDOH will pay their national and colony dues from the funds they have paid. The General Society has recommended that member societies not open life membership programs and to close the ones that exist to new members. Life memberships are a financial liability to the member society as the funds paid become insufficient to meet obligations such as national dues and other expenses. In Ohio, the monies paid for many of our life members have long since been paid out so that it is our annual members who are now covering their costs.
Cessation of payment of application fee for junior members who convert to full membership effective 10/31/2021 (end of membership year).	The original intent of this policy was to encourage full membership for our juniors. This has failed miserably. Only a small percentage of junior members have ever converted to full membership. Of the kids who converted in the last decade, half resigned or were dropped within a year or two making this practice a very bad investment for SMDOH. Each application requires a lot of work for SMDOH volunteers to submit. With no long term reward in the form of membership growth for the Society, the practice is not sustainable.
Details on the application process	GSMD continues to streamline the application process. Ohio Bylaws are being changed to remove items no longer required by GSMD and to reflect current processes and naming conventions. We basically just need to say that we follow GSMD procedures.

WHY WE CHOSE OHIO

Recently I was asked why I chose the Ohio Chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants since I live in Virginia. A few years ago I met a new cousin who told me she had joined the SMDOH and told me she knew someone (your Historian) who would be glad to help me with my application if I chose to join the SMD. The Ohio chapter seemed like a good choice since I have had ancestors in Ohio from 1789 in Marietta up to my Maternal Grandmother's birth. I may not get to any meetings but I will be an enthusiastic supporter.

Sue Norman, Virginia, Columbus Colony

My journey to become a member of the Mayflower Society began about 15 years ago when I stumbled across something on the internet which suggested I might be a descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins. I decided to see if I could prove it. After a couple years of sporadic work, including a trip to Salt Lake City, I submitted my application to the California Society where I live. The historian responded pointing out a lot of work that needed to be done. She was right about that.

Over the next decade I plodded along. With the help of a friend who is a member here and an accomplished genealogist I put together what I thought was a good application. I had a couple of difficult generations. The hardest was one for which I had no primary documentation to prove the parents to son relationship. I had a letter or note written by the nephew of the son stating that Samuel and Elizabeth were the parents of Jacob. It was unsourced, had been edited, and I could not show the provenance so I knew it was not enough. I decided to prove the other content of the note. My theory was that if the other family facts stated by the author could be substantiated there was no reason to doubt the veracity of the statement that Samuel and Elizabeth were the parents of Jacob. Bolstered with some Ohio census and land records showing the family living near one another, I resubmitted my application to California.

Within a couple weeks I got it back. The historian had made remarks in red pencil and said I had to stick with the direct line, not try to prove my case through siblings, etc. I felt like a schoolgirl who had been chided for turning in a bad paper and I was ready to give up.

My friend suggested I go through another state. I chose Ohio because that was where the most difficult generation was. Ann Gulbransen was very helpful. She made constructive suggestions and guided me on how to rewrite my proof arguments. She said I approached the problem the same way she would. It worked!

So now I'm a member of the Ohio society. Thanks to all of you for the welcome.

Polly Thomas, Columbus Colony, Monrovia, CA

Thank you so much for the *Welcome to the Mayflower Society* card, which arrived by a circuitous route via my younger brother John in Rochester NY. It was forwarded by the US Postal service of Schenectady NY, where my husband and I have an apartment for when we are visiting the States, from our permanent home of over 45 years in Tasmania Australia. We were to have come for a 4 month stay starting in late March last year, but that trip of course has been postponed.

Although I have been technically an out of Ohio-state person since 1958, I and my two brothers John and Howard Hamilton III, were actually all born in Dayton. After living in Vandalia for a few years, surrounded by disappearing cornfields while the post-war housing development really took off, we moved to Oakwood, and went to the Harmon Ave school.

Our parents moved to Rochester when my father took up position with the Dayton-based Davies-Young soap and chemical Co. My grandparents remained in Dayton. It was hard at first, picking up a northern accent, and getting used to blizzards off Lake Ontario!

I am 6th generation Ohio-born Webster, and 8th generation Ohio resident Webster: although my 4g and 5g Webster grandfathers (William and Taylor) came from the Quaker settlement of Plainfield NJ, via S.W. Pennsylvania for a spell until the NW Territory 'opened up', they died in Butler and Ross counties respectively.

The attached photo is of a spoon, made in Ohio, passed down to the first born Webster sons, with my 4g grandfather William on the top, and my brother Howard's son John on the bottom.

My grandmother Cora (Toto) Webster sensed I was interested in family history since I loved sitting and sewing next to my great



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grandmother Luetta Wahl Morris, who lived with my grandparents, and listening to her stories about coming to Ohio from Baltimore in a covered wagon shortly after the Civil War had ended. "Toto" encouraged me as a young girl, to look into the Mayflower Society.

She told me that a cousin of my grandfather's, who lived in Lebanon, had joined the society, connected to the ancestor Edward Doty, and he was encouraging my grandfather also to join. Unfortunately, he refused, but my grandmother thought there was some hope that one day I would!

And here we are.

In the summer of 2019, my husband and I visited southern Ohio, seeing Nancy Porter of Butler Co GS, after visiting the Webster memorial obelisk in Lebanon, and Janet Ackerley in Chillicothe. I hadn't been to Ohio since 1977. We visited the farming family who own the land in which my 5g grandfather, Taylor Webster, is buried. It was a hot August Week, and I LOVED being amongst the cornfields again.

I dearly hope that one day in the not-too-distant future, I may be able to attend a Colony Meeting.

Liz Webster. Columbus Colony, Tasmania

Be Ready to Step Up / Step In

True Story: I once led a team development workshop in which teams were asked to work on a problem and prepare a presentation to the other teams. During the workshop I very quietly moved a few people from one group to another. I did this several times. Right before time was ready for giving the presentations, I moved a person who was going to lead the presentation for her team. Everyone in the group was shocked. She stood up, held her presentation notes out and said, "Who will take over for me?" Following a very brief silence, another woman stood up, put her hands out to take the notes and confidently said "I'll do it". Needless to say, there were wonderful new perspectives learned that day!

There are officers and boards at the state and colony levels. There are people willing to serve in most positions. But what happens if one or more of those individuals were unable to continue. Would there be someone to Step Up and Step In? Would there be someone willing to say "I'll do it"?

I invite each and every one of our members to (1) ask, "How can I help?" or to (2) volunteer saying, "Here is how I can help". One of my favorite films of all time is *The Gathering* (1977) starring Ed Asner. It is Christmas time, there are many family dynamics and issues. Ed's character is not well but no one else knows. His grown children give him usual gifts but one son gives him a bottle of wine. It is as if the son knew what was needed. It was a wonderful scene. How can you help your Colony, your State Society? Give it some thought. Share your desires with others. Find someone else looking for a way to help and work together to greet people or set up a sales and information table or to put together a special program for junior members or to start a colony newsletter or to serve on a State or Colony committee. *By the way, the Ohio Society is looking for members for its Scholarship Committee*

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Get Your Ohio Pin!



Order your Ohio Pins today and show your Mayflower pride! Net proceeds go to support the 2020-2021 Commemoration.

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Ribbon w/Mayflower pin	\$10.00 each
Postage per pin	\$4.00

Send order and payment to:

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Wadsworth, OH 44281

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

THE TALE OF THE AMAZING QUILT

When my sister (who was ten years older than I) died, my niece was going through her things and thought I would like to have this quilt, so she sent it to me. She mentioned that my grandmother had made it, and enclosed her photograph, along with one of my grandfather and his second wife, Bertha. The page also included a photograph of my great-grandfather whom I had never met.

It brought back memories of my childhood when I was raised by my “grandmother” Bertha. I remember winding myself around her knees while she gossiped with her neighbors. The quilt and the photograph of my true grandmother, Mary Alda (Martin) Hatten, reminded me of the times Bertha Hatten would tell her lady friends of Mary Alda's loss of two babies and that, “she would have a live child if it killed her”.

My curiosity increased when Ann Gulbransen, Historian for the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Western Reserve Colony, came to speak to the Ashtabula County Historical Society, I showed her the quilt and photographs because one of them was a photo of my great-grandfather, Nehemiah Martin, the father of my true grandmother, Mary Alda (Martin) Hatten. She glanced at them and said that I should look farther into the history of these people.

Carrie Winer, from Ashtabula County District Library's Genealogy and Local History department, came to my aid. After considerable research she found that Nehemiah Martin, was indeed the eleventh generation descendent from the Mayflower families of Frances Cooke and Richard Warren.

All I had to do was to prove my relationship to Nehemiah Martin. That was not easy! Mary Alda Martin was his daughter, but in those days birth certificates in Ohio were not always available. Carrie found her name on the 1890 census when Mary Alda was seven years old! Then we had to find proof of her marriage to my grandfather, Frances Marion Hatten (he spelled it Hatton). She found proof of his birth and we learned that he was named after Francis Marion, who was an American soldier during the Revolutionary War (nicknamed “The Swamp Fox”).

My daughter, Lynn Peskora, researched and found in the Ohio County Marriage Records that Mary (using the nickname “Millie”) was married to Frances M. Hatten in February, 1988. The marriage turned out to be a little sad as they lost two children at birth. I remember my step-grandmother saying that Mary had said she would “have a live child if it killed her!” It did. She died five months after my father, Bernard Hatten, was born.

I was aware that my father's birthday was in July. If Mary Alda died five months later that would make her death about late December. We found proof of her death on December 25th, 1892. Remembering that “Grandmother” Bertha often spoke of her husband's visits to the mausoleum to “one more time” see and remember his first wife, Mary Alda, I realized that she would not have been buried until the ground was thawed, in spring of 1893. We were able to locate those records even though all the graves in the grave yard were transferred to a new location when Alum Creek was dammed to create the Alum Creek reservoir. My father, Bernard, stood with his father, Frances Marion Hatten, while they watched a button from her dress raised for proof of identity before re-burial.

So Bertha raised my father, and when my mother was hospitalized, she raised two of my brothers, my sister, and me. She earned the title of “Grandmother.”

I am very pleased that all these people helped me locate and prove all of these connections with the valiant pioneers who founded this country. It makes me proud to be a descendent and I hope to pass it on. The quilt resides in my bedroom.



Esther (Hatten) Blevins, Cleveland Colony

20/20 HINDSIGHT

October 1-2, 2021 Ohio Society Commemoration of the First Thanksgiving

After the long pandemic year, we are hoping to see many of our Mayflower “cousins” at this event that will be held at Marriott Airport Columbus. The group price for room reservations per night is \$95.00 + applicable taxes. The reservation number to call is 1-800-491-5717 and mention Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio for the group reservation price.

The cost of the event will be \$65.00 for adults and \$40.00 for children under the age of 10. Our plated lunch on Saturday will be a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. Our guest speakers will be Noelle Granger, author of *The Last Pilgrim: the story of Mary Allerton Cushman*; and Jane Schleinker, GSMD representative for our region. We have scheduled a professional photographer for ancestor and colony group pictures. Wearing your period clothing is acceptable, but not required. A children’s program is planned, and we encourage their attendance. Look for your invitations in mid-June with more details and a reservation form with a specific return due date.

We hope that you will be thankful with us for our blessings and miracles we have witnessed through this challenging time; much like the early trials and hardships of our ancestors.

Co-chairs: Beth Anderson, Cincinnati Colony and Hilda Pappas, Columbus Colony

Cookbook Project

40 contributors have submitted 191 recipes. Our goal is 400 since it will be published the year of the 400th anniversary of the First Thanksgiving, as a memorable keepsake. Some of our contributors have noted that they still have their mother’s handwritten recipe. Many recipes are from a by-gone era when most recipes were “made from scratch.”

This cookbook will also have a history of each of the 5 Ohio colonies.

The deadline for submitting recipes is July 30. The website is typensave, user name: ohiomayflower; password: peanut658. If you do not feel comfortable submitting your recipe(s) on line – please contact your colony Lt. Governor.

Hilda Pappas, Columbus Colony

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News from the Cincinnati Colony

Cincinnati Colony held their Spring meeting on Saturday May 15, 2021 at the *University Club of Cincinnati, East 4th Street Downtown Cincinnati*.

There were 26 present: 23 members and 3 guests.

Recognition of Dignitaries- **Jean Morrison, Cincinnati Colony member since 1959**. Jean has been a member of the Colony for 62 years. Her grandfather was an Elder for the Colony in 1974 and she remembers prior to that he was the Governor. Her ancestor is John Howland. The colony members recognized **Doug Vander Zee**, former Colony Lt. Governor. Doug was Lt. Governor for 5 years.

We welcomed guests, Xavier University Professor Dr. Karim Tiro and XU students Ally Woeste, Ericka Ratcliff. Ally and Ericka were the recipients of our Xavier University Scholarships. Ally Woeste's topic was "SmallPox and the



Revolutionary War." Erika Ratcliff's topic was "Rag, Tag, And God: The Continental Soldier's Experience." We will be putting these essays on our Cincy webpage.

We are very pleased, we had 5 new members present for induction. Starleyne Vondrell welcomed new members with a certificate from the Cincinnati Colony and the 1620 scroll. The new members attending were David Papoi (John Howland), Stephanie Hogue (John Alden), Sheila Schroeder (John Alden), Mary Davis (Edward Doty), David Grable (Resolved White)

Our Historian, Sue Bray read the book authored by Noelle Granger, the **guest speaker who will be at the State conference in October**. Sue told the members a little about the book. Highly Recommended.

Our meeting included a raffle draw- Winners were Clay Crandall and new member David Papoi.

We are Planning a late summer meeting.... Yea!!!

*Interesting sidenote: in researching the **History of the Cincinnati Colony**, included in minutes of the January meeting of 1985, the Cincinnati Colony had contacted several school districts and schools in the Cincinnati, Kentucky, Dayton area. Their purpose was to donate copies of the Mayflower Compact and Study guides to teachers of primarily 5 & 6th grade students. According to the minutes of the meeting, the Colony had fulfilled the requests from many of the schools, including Cincinnati Public Schools. The Colony had donated over 10,000 copies of the Compact and 367 Study Guides.

The Cincinnati Colony sincerely wishes all our cousins and friends, a healthy, happy and blessed summer of good fun and peace !

Star Vondrell, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.

News from the Cleveland Colony

Meetings: The colony continues board of assistant's meetings via Zoom and one annual business meeting in 2021.

2021 Spring Business Meeting: The annual Spring business meeting was held via Zoom conferencing Saturday April 17, 2021. Jane Schleinzer Ohio member At Large and GSMD Insignia and Awards Chairman presented her Meeting

House program and touch on Mayflower Insignia to our colony. She squeezed us in between two other programs the same day! We were thrilled to have members attend the meeting that have not in the past.

2021: Summer Event: No event for 2021.

2021 Compact Day: The annual November 13, 2021 Compact Day buffet luncheon is scheduled to be held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio depending on the status of COVID-19. Our keynote speaker will be Past Governor General Lea Filson and her program will be published closer to the event. Our colony is honored to welcome the Past Governor General to our Compact Day dinner. After the traditional passenger roll call, we will recognize the Veterans again and thank them for their service and we will never forget. More details to come.

Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony

News from the Columbus Colony

Our April 10 spring meeting was held at the Clintonville Women's Club. This was our first meeting since November 2019. We welcomed 5 new members, their first time attending a meeting. Attendance included 23 members, 11 guests, 3 children, and 2 members from other colonies. Sharon Hendershot installed 3 new officers: Lt. Governor: Hilda Pappas; Deputy Lt. Governor, Charles Mays; and Historian, Sharon Bardus. All other officers, from the 2017-2020 administration graciously agreed to continue into this 2020-2023 administration. Our Elder, Cheryl Bash, gave a necrology service for 8 of our members who have passed away, including 2 recently found who had passed away in 2017 and 2018. Jill Parker was a guest and gave a brief talk about the October 1-2 event and the cookbook project. Jan Kline, dressed in period clothing, presented a Pilgrim program that included an explanation of clothing worn by the Pilgrims and their children, and some articles they used that are very similar to articles we use today – example of what they used as a sprinkling can. She also had an example of a board that children carried with them to learn their ABC's. I think those who attended were grateful to see each other. We look forward to our Compact Day luncheon on November 6 at the Clintonville Women's Club.

Hilda Pappas, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony

News from the Toledo Colony

JUNE MEETING

At long last it seems Toledo Colony members and friends can gather together again!

When: Saturday, 19 June

Where: Secor Park, Toledo Metroparks, Walnut Grove Shelter (map is on the State website, Toledo Colony, newsletter) Map is also in the e-version of the colony newsletter sent to members and paper copies mailed to those who have requested.

Address: 10000 West Central Avenue, Berkey OH 43504

Time: 12 noon to eat. Please bring your own table setting, mask, drink, perhaps water also, food, and perhaps a folding chair.

I am assuming there are picnic tables under this roofed, open air shelter. There will be no buffet table and no drink provided by the colony. Obviously this is because of covid. We must agree to masks, social distancing, 35 or fewer people, and use of hand sanitizer. Parking, a playground, and restrooms are nearby. There is no guarantee the drinking fountain will be working.

Program: We will gather for fellowship and to "catch up". Each attendee is encouraged to bring an object of historic interest from their family history and tell its story. A family story will work as well. If you haven't yet submitted a recipe for the cookbook project, please bring a copy to the picnic.

RSVP: by Tuesday, 15 June to Jeff Stoll at willowcove@lighthouse.net or Tel: 906-44-5088 or 5510 Ottawa River Road, Toledo OH 43611-2257. Hurry! Remember only the first 35 to reserve can be accepted by park policy at this time.

COMING MEETING: Compact Day will be Saturday, 13 November, at Ohio Living Swan Creek. Information will be in the

colony newsletter and on the State website. Save the date now.

CONGRATULATIONS to member Olga Budke who graduated from the United States Air Force Academy with a degree in aeronautical engineering on 26 May. Her Pilgrim ancestor is Edward Fuller. Olga's mother, Dr. Heidi Budke, and brother Dane are also Mayflower members.

Congratulations to Junior Member Grace Eichelberger. She graduated magna cum laude from Taylor University with a major in Social Studies/ History in May. She will be teaching junior high in Fort Wayne, IN. Grace's Pilgrim ancestor is Edward Fuller. Grandmother Judy Rand is also a Mayflower member.

RECIPE CONTEST To help the Ohio Society Cookbook project, the male members and the female members of Toledo Colony are competing to see which group has more people submitting recipes. At this writing, the groups are TIED!

Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony

News from the Western Reserve Colony

With regret, WR canceled our tentatively planned summer picnic. To let all our members know we are thinking of them. Jill Parker, Ann Gulbransen and Christina Schepis collaborated to send each member a personalized, laminated bookmark.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our cousins at our Compact Day Celebration this Fall! We plan to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower Voyage and 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving!

Mark your calendars to join us at Compact Day. Guests are always welcome at our gatherings:

Sunday, November 14th: Please join us for our Compact Day Celebration to be held at Skyland Pines in Canton. More details to come.

Western Reserve Colony will be on hand at our State Assembly to pass out attendee bags and will have some extra items on hand to sell!

Christina Wagner Schepis, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony



Book Review

"Terror to the Wicked" by Toby Pearl is a well-documented book about the murder of a young Nipmuc man and the capture and trial of the four Plymouth Colony men accused of killing him. The author has the knack of transporting the reader to Plymouth Colony in the year 1638. Those of you who have Stephen Hopkins, William Bradford, Edward Winslow, John Winthrop, Surgeon John Greene or Roger Williams in your family tree will find this book particularly interesting.

The author included a "Selected Bibliography", over 50 pages of notes filled with more sources, and is thoroughly indexed. I do question Ms. Pearl's assertion that the trial was the first trial by jury in America. As many of you know, John Billington was tried by jury in 1630 for the murder of John Newcome. But, this 1638 trial was very difficult for Plymouth Colony. Consider the facts. The Pequot War was from 1636-1638. Four Plymouth colony men were accused of murdering a Native American man. The jury pool included many men who fought in the Pequot War. Could justice be served? I recommend that you read "Terror to the Wicked" to find out.

Sandy St. Martin, Columbus Colony

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 16, 2021—Toledo Colony picnic, Secor Park

July 30, 2021—last day to submit recipes to the cookbook project

October 1 & 2, 2021—Ohio State Assembly and Commemoration of the first Thanksgiving, Columbus Airport Marriott

November 6, 2021—Columbus Colony Compact Day, Clintonville Women's Club

November 13, 2021—Toledo Colony Compact Day, Ohio Living Swan Creek

November 13, 2021—Cleveland Colony Compact Day, Lakewood Country Club

November, 14, 2021—Western Reserve Colony Compact Day, Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge

May 13 & 14, 2022—State assembly hosted by the Toledo Colony

If you know of other genealogy or family history events that should be listed here, please email them to newsletter@ohiomayflower.org and they will be posted in future issues!

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Meeting House through our contributions and purchases. Recently we purchased three walkway bricks – two for the *Historian Walkway* (one in memory of **Dorothy Sieplein** who served as Historian for 40 years, 1953-1993, and one in honor of current Historian **Ann Gulbransen**) and one for the *Garden Walkway* (in memory of **Dr. Joan Lehr** who served as Ohio Governor from 1999-2005). We thank the individual Colonies and members who have also purchased bricks for the walkways or made other donations to support the Meeting House and Mayflower II.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP? The SMDOH Scholarship Committee is looking for new members, including a Chairperson. Current (and experienced) members include **Jan Kleinline** (Columbus), **Vicky Heineck** (Cleveland) and **Susan Fisher** (Toledo). This is a great way to get involved with a very focused educational activity of the Ohio Society. If this sounds like a good way for you get involved, contact Gov. **Jill Parker** (ohiomayflowergovernor@gmail.com) or your Colony Lt. Governor. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD: As you can imagine, Colony and State events are planned well in advance of the actual events. So just a heads-up. The 2022 State Assembly is tentatively scheduled for May 13-14. **SAVE THE DATE!**

FIRST YEAR REFLECTIONS: As I wrap up the first year of my three year term, my heart is filled with *gratitude* to all those who have helped me, supported me and coached me. None of us enters our “offices” ready to hit the ground running. I have gotten by with help from my “cousins” and fellow “passengers”. I am sure that is how we all feel; we don’t volunteer in a vacuum. Whether at the Colony level, State level, or General Society level, it takes all of us working together to help each other succeed and for the organization as a whole to succeed: volunteering, offering ideas, stepping in as needed. I can’t think of a better group of people than my Mayflower “cousins” to work with. Be proud of our Society and do what you can to make it a thriving organization!!! Thank you. Reach out, help your “cousins” however you can! Have a wonderful summer!

Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony

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Cousins

As always, I'm watching while reading for key words like Pilgrim, Mayflower or the name of one of the passengers on the ship. When I read, recently, David McCullough's "The Pilgrims," Mayflower jumped off the page. He was writing about the settling of Ohio and the persons in New England and elsewhere that made the settling of Marietta possible.

Forty-eight men began the trip from Ipswich Hamlet and from Hartford, Ct. They set out on Dec. 3, 1787 to cross the mountains between their starting points and their goal of Ohio. The conditions were more than terrible as they battled the winter storms and poor roads. It was February before they reached a site where they had to build a boat to carry them forward on their journey. It took all of what remained of February and March to build a "large, roofed galley, forty-five feet in length and twelve feet wide." They had embraced the vision of the journey to Ohio and the author records "lest there be any doubt of their seeing their journey as an extension of their heritage, the big boat, at first called the "Adventure Galley," had been renamed the "Mayflower."

I highly recommend that you find time to read this book if you'd like to read about the establishing of the first community in Ohio and hear the stories of those who came and what they endured.

Dr. Don Nichols, Cleveland Colony